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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, IS, UNESCO
SUBJECT: UNESCO: MISSION TO OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

REFS: (A) TEL AVIV 8723, (B) STATE 269393

SUMMARY: THE PURPOSE OF THIS CABLE IS TO (I) BRING
DEPT AND INFO POSTS UP-TO-DATE ON THE SITUATION
REGARDING UNESCO'S MISSION VISIT TO THE OCCUPIED
TERRITORIES (REF A), AND (II) TO ANSWER SPECIFIC
QUESTIONS POSED BY REF. B, I.E. WHAT ARE TERMS OF
REFERENCE OF MISSION AND HOW IT LIKELY TO ORGANIZE ITS
WORK. END OF SUMMARY.

1. THE LATEST AND MOST RELIABLE INFORMATION CONCERNING
THE MISSION IS THAT IT WILL BE COMPOSED OF FOLLOWING
INDIVIDUALS, SELECTED BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL IN CLOSE
ALTHOUGH INFORMAL CONSULTATION WITH GOI: MR. PAUL MARC
HENRY (FRANCE) WHO WILL HEAD THE TEAM; PROF. COOKEY
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(NIGERIA), AND MR. VELEBIT (YUGOSIAVIA). THIS THREE-
MEMBER "FACT-FINDING MISSION" WILL LEAVE PARIS ON
NOVEMBER 30TH FOR TEN DAYS VISIT TO ALL ARAB TERRITORIES
OCCUPIED BY ISRAEL. IT WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MRS.
HENIN (FRENCH) WHO KNOWS ARABIC AND WILL SERVE AS
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE MISSION.

COMMENT: LATEST DG M'BOW'S LIST ALSO INCLUDED PROF. RUIS GIMENEZ (SPAIN), IN ADDITION TO ABOVE THREE INDIVIDUALS. HOWEVER, GOI CONSIDERED THAT TO BE AN UNBALANCED TEAM (I.E. THREE FROM COUNTRIES NOT MAINTAINING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL) AND M'BOW GAVE IN BY DROPPING SPAIN. ANOTHER COMPLICATING FACTOR, ESPECIALLY FROM GOI'S POINT OF VIEW, WAS THAT MR. HENRY, LEADER OF THE TEAM, WAS UNABLE TO BE WITH THE GROUP THROUGHOUT THE VISIT SINCE HE HAD PRIOR COMMITMENTS TO ATTEND A THREE-DAY CONFERENCE IN KUWAIT DURING THE ABOVE TIME SCHEDULE. GOI EXPRESSED GREAT CONCERN OVER SUCH "PART-TIME CHAIRMANSHIP" AND REQUESTED UNESCO SECRETARIAT TO INSURE THAT THIS BE STRAIGHTENED OUT. AGAIN, THE SECRETARIAT (NAJMAN) ACCEPTED GOI CRITICISM AND OBTAINED ASSURANCES FROM MR. HENRY THAT HE WILL STAY WITH THE GROUP THROUGHOUT THE MISSION. END OF COMMENT.

2. ANSWER TO REFTEL B:

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(I) ACCORDING TO ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE, THE GROUP IS
"TO COLLECT ON-THE-SPOT INFORMATION..." AND "TO STUDY

AND SUBMIT SUGGESTIONS ON ACTIVITIES THAT UNESCO MIGHT UNDERTAKE, IN ITS FIELDS OF COMPETENCE, TO ASSIST THE POPULATIONS CONCERNED." (SEE 19 GENERAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTION 15.1).

(II) ON THE BASIS OF THE TEAM'S REPORT, THE DG WILL PREPARE HIS REPORT TO THE 104TH EXBD SESSION (AND TO THE 20TH GENCONF). HE MAY ALSO PUBLISH THE REPORT OR PARTS OF IT, IF HE FINDS IT NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE.

(III) IT IS EXPECTED THAT ISRAELI MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, WHICH CONTROLS THE TERRITORIES IN QUESTION, WILL ACCOMPANY THE TEAM.

(IV) IT WILL BE UP TO THE TEAM TO DECIDE IF IT WISHES TO SPLIT UP WHILE VISITING DIFFERING AREAS; BUT BEST
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INFORMATION WE HAVE INDICATES THAT THIS IS NOT RPT NOT THE INTENTION OF THE CHAIRMAN HENRY.

(V) WE DO NOT KNOW THE ANSWER TO THE FINAL QUESTION OF REFTEL B. HOPE THAT AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV MIGHT BE ABLE TO CLARIFY THIS POINT.

3. MISSION WILL KEEP DEPT AND INFO POST CONTINUINGLY INFORMED RE FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING SUBJECT MATTER.
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